



Commission
to Prevent Violence
Against Women

Arizona Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

January 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 W. Washington, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women was convened on January 17, 2019 at the Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room at 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (18)	
Diane Umphress, Chair	
Antoinette Means	
Daniel Rincon	
Hilary Gingold (designee of Elizabeth Ortiz)	
Jason Zimmerman	
Jon Eliason	
Jon Smith (via phone)	
Kay Radwanski (via phone)	
Kennesha Jackson (designee of Kirstin Flores)	
Monica Yelin	
Nicole Bidwill	
Patricia George	
Steven Stahl	
Susan Smith (via phone)	
Tasha Menaker	
Staff/Guests Present (8)	Members Absent (5)
Malcolm Hightower	Kate Brophy-McGee
Lindsay Ashworth	Neil Websdale
Greg Giangobbe	Laura Guild
Rebecca Chesley	Ed Mercurio-Sakwa
Iva Rody	Patricia Klahr
Livia Finnman	Eve Scarff
Raquel Perez	

Call to Order

- Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair, called the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with 15 members and 8 staff and guests present.

Welcome of New Commission Members and Introductions

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, welcomed everyone and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, requested a review of the **August 9, 2018** meeting minutes.
 - **Mr. Steve Stahl** motioned to accept the **August 9, 2018** minutes.
 - **Mr. Daniel Rincon** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Lighting Arizona Purple Debrief

- **Ms. Rebecca Chesley** provided a recap of the Lighting Arizona Purple Kick-off Event held on October 2, 2018. To start, she thanked the Commission for their support and participation. In preparation for the event, the GOYFF provided a Domestic Violence Awareness Month Webinar, popularized the first ever statewide hashtag, #EndDVinAZ, and sent 515 invitation letters to legislators, mayors, police chiefs, service providers, tribal governments and state agencies. In total, over 300 individuals attended the event itself despite a last-minute change in location. Roughly 80 people watched the livestream of the event. Students from Marc T. Atkinson Middle School performed the Star Spangled Banner at the event. Meanwhile, PetSmart Charities sponsored the event and conducted a statewide in-store awareness campaign. Across the state, some 20+ state buildings across Arizona turned purple; 40+ state agencies, service providers and cities went purple; 50+ state, city and town government agencies, service providers participated in Wear Purple Day; and 50+ resource fairs, DVAM Events, trainings, Proclamations National Wear Purple Day, and donation drives were held. Hope Depot also helped spread awareness by selling purple lightbulbs. In total, 56 home depot locations participated statewide and 4347 lightbulbs were sold. Finally, hashtags associated with the event were used over 200 times, and 485 people have watched the event through Facebook Live.

Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS) Update

- **Mr. Greg Giangobbe** and **Ms. Iva Rody** provided an update on the Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS). APRAIS provides criminal justice personnel and advocates with an evidence-based tool and protocol to gather information which helps identify potential risk of severe re-assault, as well as lethal, or near lethal, intimate partner violence & possible future threats to officers. The Family Violence Institute (FVI) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Arizona Peace Officers' Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) work together on the implementation of the Arizona intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS) tool and protocol. AZPOST assigned the FVI the role of lead training agency. Consequently, trainings conducted by the FVI team are AZPOST-certified and attending officers therefore qualify for continuing education credit. Mr. Giangobbe is the Law Enforcement Coordinator at the FVI. He is a longtime police trainer and believes APRAIS training can help improve policing in Arizona. During his trainings, Mr. Giangobbe encourages officers to embrace the nobility of policing, to listen to victims, and to be empathetic and understanding. 21 trainings were conducted by FVI in 2018. 811 individuals attended these trainings, including some 512 sworn officers. Currently, 29 police departments are utilizing APRAIS. Trainings are conducted in-person and online. In-person trainings are preferred, but online trainings are often the only option for some departments. In 2019, FVI intends to rollout a Chief Officer Training Curriculum. The training will consist of 8 modules and will run roughly 45 minutes in total. Mr. Giangobbe hopes these modules will help chief officers to see the benefits of using APRAIS for both agencies and victims. FVI also intends to create new tools that will help with police trainings and other tools that will assist in victim advocate trainings. Lastly, Mr. Giangobbe expressed excitement towards the enthusiasm he has heard about the trainings both in-state and out-of-state.
- **Mr. Stahl** asked if efforts are being made to train more judges and other members of the judicial branch. He stated that he sees judicial training as essential in creating system-wide changes. **Mr. Giangobbe** stated that judges and judges' commissions have not responded with the desired enthusiasm towards FVI's outreach efforts. He stated that this is a primary concern of FVI that must be addressed in a nuanced

manner. **Mr. Stahl** emphasized that judges need to be aware of these lethality screening tools so they may make the most informed decisions during sentencing. **Mr. Giangobbe** responded in agreement, stating that there needs to be a cultural shift through the criminal justice system so changes may be effective. **Ms. Kay Radwanski** stated that the Commission needs to take proactive steps to make this a priority. She hopes that with specific examples of systemic failures individuals in the judicial branch will come to understand the influence that their decisions have in this process.

- **Mr. Jon Eliason** stated that he would also like to see the Commission reach out to police chiefs, and in general he hopes more people and departments across the state are trained. **Mr. Stahl** stated that while 29 agencies are currently using APRAIS, 80 agencies currently utilize a lethality screening tool (out of a total of 88 agencies in the state). **Mr. Eliason** queried as to why more agencies are not utilizing APRAIS. **Mr. Malcolm Hightower** stated that it might be related to the cost of implementing the system. **Mr. Stahl** stated that direct costs to an agency are minimal, but the cost of changing practices and procedures could be factor. **Mr. Dan Rincon** stated that there may be costs associated with records management and software updates that may be keeping some agencies from using APRAIS.
- **Ms. Iva Rody** provided a summary of FVI's efforts to publicize the benefits of APRAIS and victim advocates. She started by emphasizing that officers throughout the state have by asking for concrete tools to help prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Ms. Rody sees victim advocacy as an essential service that can supplement the work of police officers. Officers in general like to be able to connect victims to advocate organizations so they can ensure victims are entering a safe situation. She sees this as an easy-win for everyone in the criminal justice system – contact with a victim advocate can give victims the chance they need to get out of a dangerous situation. Furthermore, Ms. Rody believes that it should be easy for law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to begin using APRAIS and to connect victims with advocacy organizations, if they have not begun doing so already.
- **Mr. Dan Rincon** stressed the fact that involving victim advocacy organizations also increases the chance for successful prosecution of IPV-related crimes. He also stated that the Committee should reach out to LEAs directly to connect them with victim advocacy organizations. **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, underscored the fact that such organizations help hold everyone accountable. **Mr. Hightower** stated that a subcommittee should begin work in this area. **Ms. Rody** stressed that more consistency on this front will help create system-wide change.

Recommended Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault

- **Ms. Lindsay Ashworth** gave a summary of the new Arizona Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault. The new Guidelines were developed with funding from the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program, a grant offered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) within the Department of Justice (DOJ). This funding is directed towards the following purpose areas: 1) to encourage the development and implementation of policies and training for sexual assault responders related to best practices; 2) to drive the development, implementation, and enhancement of sexual assault response teams; 3) to provide technical assistance related to forensic compliance; 4) to ensure boarder availability for forensic nurse examiner training; and 5) to update the 2001 Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault. The Guidelines were developed by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF). In addition, a larger statewide stakeholder workgroup with expertise in sexual assault response was convened to develop these Guidelines, and sub-disciplinary workgroups were established to specific sections of the new Guidelines. These Guidelines supersede the 2001 Statewide Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Sexual Assault and are relevant to victim services organizations, law enforcement agencies, medical professionals, mental health services providers, members of the judiciary, probation authorities, and post-secondary education providers. As a result, each section of the Guidelines was significantly edited, revised and updated. Efforts were also made to include native communities in the revision process, with partnerships being made with the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition and the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse. Furthermore, all training recommendations included are rooted in trauma-informed response and include a culturally-responsive approach so as to engage diverse communities. The new Guidelines were based on

current best practices, including: the 2001 Arizona Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Sexual Assault, the National standards and evidence-based best practices, the Arizona Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force recommendations, the Arizona Guidelines for a Regional Response to Youth Sex Trafficking, and the Arizona County Sexual Assault Protocols. A final draft of the Guidelines was disseminated to stakeholders statewide for edits, their edits were incorporated, and a final draft of the guidelines is now available in hard copy and electronically for statewide distribution. Discipline-specific webinars are also now being offered on the Guidelines. Lastly, Ms. Ashworth asked everyone on the Committee to be champions in encouraging more counties and communities around the state to use these Guidelines to update or create their own protocol to sexual assault response.

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, stated that she is happy to see that a comprehensive template is now available for statewide usage. She underscored the fact that such Guidelines help provide consistency across the state and help encourage a formalized response to the problem.

Commission Strategic Plan and Subcommittees

- **Ms. Rebecca Chesley** gave an overview of the CY 2019 Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women strategic plan. The mission of the Commission is to develop trauma-informed initiatives that strengthen the coordinated community response to sexual and domestic violence through awareness, prevention, service delivery, and training. The Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women strategic plan reflects goals to be accomplished in three key areas: 1) the development and implementation of statewide initiatives for sexual and domestic violence awareness; 2) the expansion of a coordinated community response to victims of sexual and domestic violence; and 3) an increase in the availability of training and prevention programming to improve the response to sexual and domestic violence. Three subcommittees have been established to help achieve these goals. The Outreach and Awareness Subcommittee will work to increase in the number of coalitions, nonprofits, agencies, and cities participating in Domestic Violence Awareness Campaigns in October by twenty percent; and develop a month-long Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign in April. Meanwhile, the Victims Services Subcommittee will work to increase in the number of agencies participating in Coordinated Community Response Teams, Sexual Assault Response Teams, and Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams by ten percent; and develop regional focus groups held to identify and respond to the needs of community responders. Finally, the Prevention and Training Subcommittee will work to increase in the number of opportunities for law enforcement officers and prosecutors to receive training on interviewing victims of sexual violence and domestic violence by twenty percent; and increase in the number of individuals trained on Recommended Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault by forty percent. Meetings of these subcommittees will be held quarterly, and the GOYFF is happy to host all of the meetings. Ms. Chesley believes that all of these changes will improve the work of the Committee. She asked all Committee members to provide their feedback to these changes in email to her by January 30th. Ms. Chesley provided Commissioners with a list of subcommittee assignments and ask Commissioners to review their assignments. She also stated that any revisions could be addressed with her via email. Finally, she asked that Committee members volunteer to chair the subcommittees. Subcommittee chairs are in charge of setting the agenda items of the subcommittees, while the GOYFF is in charge of all administrative activities of the subcommittees. Mr. Stahl volunteered to be the Chair of the Outreach and Awareness Subcommittee. Ms. Tasha Menaker volunteered to be the Chair of the Victim Services Subcommittee. Mr. Eliason volunteered to be the Chair of the Prevention and Training Subcommittee.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Chairperson Diane Umphress**, announced the following meeting dates for the coming year:
 - Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM at 1700 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.
 - Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM at 1700 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.
 - Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM at 1700 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.
 - Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM at 1700 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

- **Ms. Patricia George** made a motion to approve the proposed meeting dates. The motion was seconded by **Ms. Monica Yelin**.

Call to the Public

- **Chairperson Diane Umphress** gave call to the public. No speakers responded to the call.

Updates

- **Kennesha Jackson** announced that Victim Rights Week will be held from April 8th to 13th, with the award ceremony on April 10th at Shrine Auditorium.

Adjourn

- **Chairperson Diane Umphress** called for adjournment at 11:31 a.m. **Mr. Rincon** motioned to adjourn, **Mr. Eliason** seconded the motion.

Dated the 17th of January 2019
Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women
Respectfully Submitted By:
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